



Nevada State Health Division Technical Bulletin



Topic: Senate Bill 339 (2011 Legislative Session)

Section/Program/Contact: Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance/Health Facilities

Date: August 2011

TO: HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

This technical bulletin is being provided to assist in understanding of Senate Bill 339 (SB 339).

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 339 requires medical facilities* to do the following:

1. Provide each admitted patient with general and facility-specific information on facility-acquired infections.
2. Post in publically accessible areas of the facility information on reporting facility-acquired infections and instructions on how to file a report with the Health Division. Please note that the contact information for the Health Division should read:

Northern Nevada:

Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E
Carson City, NV 89701
Phone: 775-684-1030
Fax: 775-684-1073
Email: BLCweb@health.nv.gov

Southern Nevada:

Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
4220 South Maryland Parkway, Suite 810, Bldg D
Las Vegas, NV 89119
Phone: 702-486-6515
Fax: 702-486-6520
Email: BLCweb@health.nv.gov

3. Inform the patient or the legal guardian within 5 days of diagnosis if the patient has a facility-acquired infection.
4. Establish requirements for the qualification and training of infection control officers and require that at least one employee per 100 occupied beds have certain training in infection control.
5. Designate an infection control officer and establish an infection control program.

This bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to post each patient safety plan on an Internet website.

*This legislation only applies to those medical facilities listed in NRS 439.805, which includes hospitals, obstetric centers, surgical centers for ambulatory patients, and independent centers for emergency medical care.


For more detailed information, please visit the following websites:

http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB339_EN.pdf


<http://leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-439.html#NRS439Sec805>

Additional provider guidance on the implementation of SB 339 can be found at the NSHD website:

www.health.nv.gov

Signed: 
Tracey Green, MD, State Health Officer
Nevada State Health Division

Date: August 1, 2011

Signed: 
Richard Whitley, MS, Administrator
Nevada State Health Division

Date: August 1, 2011